

Ranger Led Hikes and Campground Programs



Roving Ranger Programs are presented to you by a partnership team comprised of both National Park Service and Forest Service rangers and volunteers. The Roving Rangers provide free ranger programs that are a fun and entertaining way to learn about and experience the great outdoors with family, friends and your neighborly park ranger!
Come exploring with us today!



Date	Time	Program	Description	Meeting Location	What to Bring	Directions
Every Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Monday	10:00am-4:00pm	Arizona Snowbowl Skyride Summit Ranger Talks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The lift cost \$19/person age 13-64, \$10/person age 6-12 & 65-up, and free age 5 and under. Ranger talks are always free. Visitors should be comfortable with heights. High elevation: 11,500 feet. Weather changes happen rapidly; be prepared! Great views. Kid friendly. 	Top of the Snowbowl Lift.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for weather. Sun protection. Water & snacks. Walking shoes. Camera. 	Directions
08/30/15	9:00am-10:30am	Guided Walk: Bonito Meadow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Come discover the beauty of the Bonito Meadow with Rangers Bill & Ellen Wade as they lead visitors on an easy 2.2-mile, off-trail ramble to view late-summer blooms and 360° vistas! You may call 928-637-5175 for additional information. Approximately 1.5 hours. Off-trail, uneven, brushy terrain. 	Meet at gravel parking lot, on the right side of Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's recommended to wear long pants and sturdy shoes. Water. Snacks Trekking poles. Camera. 	Headed North on H-89 make a right-hand turn on Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument access road. Drive 0.8-miles off Hwy 89 and meet at gravel parking lot, on the right side of road.
09/04/15	7:30pm	Campground Evening Program: Hummingbirds of Arizona	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about the tiniest bird in North America and a personal encounter in nature with a Broad-Tail Hummingbird, by Rick Ruess. 45 minutes in length. Wheelchair accessible. 	Pine Grove Campground Amphitheater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures. Flashlight. 	Directions

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09/04/15	7:30pm	Campground Evening Program: Volcanoes of North America.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Come listen in to a tale about the fiery effects of volcanoes in northern Arizona and beyond. Pictures of awe-inspiring eruptions and the stories of one man's traveling adventures will inspire you to embark on your own bold wanderings! Program conducted by ranger Eric Zeliff. 45 minutes in length. Seating provided. Wheelchair accessible. 	Bonito Campground Amphitheater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures. Flashlight. 	Directions
09/05/15	9am-12noon	Guided Walk: Riding the Rails to Mormon Lake.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join USFS interpretive rangers, Steve and Lois Hirst on the 1887 Arizona Mineral Belt RR grade from its summit to Mormon Lake. Lots of railroad history and stories. See the Mormon Lake loop road in a new way. Difficulty: moderate. Approximately 3 hours. 	Meet at forest Service Road 132.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for weather. Sun protection. Water. Snacks Trekking poles. Hiking shoes. Camera. 	Go 20 miles south on Lake Mary Road and turn right on FR 90 (Mormon Lake Road). Go 2 miles and meet at FR 132.
09/05/15	3:00 pm	Dairy Springs Guided Walk: The Seldom Seen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Seldom Seen. A guided walk about the mysterious things in nature that are typically overlooked, but vital to understanding the natural world. 45 minutes in length. Walk is 0.5 miles. This natural history walk takes place through a beautiful Ponderosa Pine forest and riparian habitat of the Dairy Springs. Easy, kid friendly walk. 	Meet at the Dairy Springs Campground Amphitheater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for weather. Sun protection. Water. Hiking shoes. Camera. 	Directions

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09/05/15	7:30pm	Campground Evening Program: A Tale about Ringtails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A gripping tale about Arizona's state mammal. Come find out where they live and when they come out! • Meet at campground amphitheater. • 45 minutes in length. • Seating provided. • Wheelchair accessible. • Kid friendly. 	Pine Grove Campground Amphitheater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures. • Flashlight. 	Directions
09/05/15	7:30pm	Campground Evening Program: What's that up in the sky tonight!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located at the Forest Service, Bonito Campground Amphitheater. • Come take a look at the wonders of our galaxy you can see in the night sky. Bring your eagle eyes or binoculars if you have them, and prepare to be amazed! • This 45-minute entertaining talk will teach you how to look for and find the wonders of our universe with nothing more than a willing heart and keen eyes! • Meet volunteer ranger and astronomer Pat Benson at the campground amphitheater. • Seating provided, wheelchair accessible, and kid friendly. 	Bonito Campground Amphitheater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures. • Flashlight. 	Directions
09/07/15	9:00am-12:00 noon	Guided Walk: Rio de Flag/Hidden Hollow.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join NPS rangers Bill & Ellen Wade for an easy, 2-mile walk in sun & shade along the Rio de Flag and on the 1857 Beale Wagon Road. • Call 928-637-5175 for additional information. 	Meet at the Hidden Hollow Rd turnoff from Hwy 180.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing appropriate for weather. • Sun protection. • Water. • Hiking shoes. • Camera. 	Drive North on H-180 from Flagstaff. Drive approx. 1/2-mile northwest of the Peak View Market & Shell station in Cheshire.

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09/11/15	7:30pm	Campground Evening Program: Volcanoes of North America.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Come listen in to a tale about the fiery effects of volcanoes in northern Arizona and beyond. Pictures of awe-inspiring eruptions and the stories of one man's traveling adventures will inspire you to embark on your own bold wanderings! Program conducted by ranger Eric Zeliff. 45 minutes in length. Seating provided. Wheelchair accessible. 	Bonito Campground Amphitheater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures. Flashlight. 	Directions
09/11/15	7:30pm	Guided Walk: Our Wondrous Night Sky	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Come discover the beauty of the night and enjoy a constellation tour while walking past cliff dwellings in the dark! The hike starts at 7:30pm. This walk is approximately 1 mile round trip with ~200 feet change in elevation, and is moderately strenuous do to ample stairs and elevation change. No entrance fee charged. Kid friendly. 	Walnut Canyon National Monument Visitor Center.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures. Red flashlight or headlamp. Water. Walking shoes. 	Directions
09/12/15	3:00 pm	Dairy Springs Guided Walk: Natural Wonders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Come discover the beauty of a ponderosa pine forest with Rangers Steve and Nancy Galas. No dogs please. 45 minutes in length. Walk is 0.5 miles. This natural history walk takes place through a beautiful Ponderosa Pine forest and riparian habitat of the Dairy Springs. Easy, kid friendly walk. 	Meet at the Dairy Springs Campground Amphitheater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for weather. Sun protection. Water. Hiking shoes. Camera. 	Directions

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09/13/15	8:00am	Guided Walk: Walk through the History and Beauty of the Peaks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning at 8600 feet at the top of Lockett Meadow Campground, the Inner Basin trail winds two miles up through shaded old-growth forest to meet the Pipeline Road 800 feet above. Along no other trail can so many stunning examples of the trees that grow on the Peaks be seen. Join us on this 4 mile picturesque moderate hike to the Inner Basin. 	Meet at the turnoff to Lockett meadow (intersection of FS road 420 and H-89) at 8:00AM for possible carpooling to trailhead.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for weather. Sun protection. Water & food. Hiking shoes. Camera. Trekking poles. 	Directions
09/13/15	7:30pm	Campground Evening Program: The Search for Dark Skies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dark night skies allow us to connect with our universe in an incredible and humbling way, but stars are quickly disappearing from view all over the world! Join Ranger Kyle on a journey across Arizona, the United States, and Earth itself to find out where our starlight is going and how it affects us. Along the way, you'll discover some of the darkest and most beautiful skies our National Parks have to offer. 45 minutes in length. Seating provided. Wheelchair accessible. 	Bonito Campground Amphitheater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures. Flashlight. 	Directions

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09/26/15	8:30am-10:00am	Guided Walk: Bonito Meadow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come discover the beauty of the Bonito Meadow with Ranger Hilary Clark as she leads visitors on an easy 2.2-mile, off-trail ramble to view late-summer blooms and 360° vistas! • You may call 928-526-0502 for additional information. • Approximately 1.5 hours. • Off-trail, uneven, brushy terrain. 	Meet at gravel parking lot, on the right side of Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's recommended to wear long pants and sturdy shoes. • Water. • Snacks. • Trekking poles. • Camera. 	Headed North on H-89 make a right-hand turn on Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument access road. Drive 0.8-miles off Hwy 89 and meet at gravel parking lot, on the right side of road.

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9/26/14	10:30am	Festival of Science Walk: Moonscape Adventures in Flagstaff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flagstaff's volcanic backyard filled a unique niche as the preparation grounds for the United States' first exploration to our moon! Come attend an hour walk with rangers to learn about how a simulated moonscape was created so astronauts could train for their trip. The walk will take place on the site of the old training grounds. Participants should meet rangers at Forest Service Road 776, just down 776 from its intersection with Highway 89, at the first pullout on the left, where the electric/phone line crosses the 776 road. This parking area will serve as our meeting spot. The group will caravan to the hike location. Parking is limited please plan to carpool when possible. Road 776 is gravel and the section that we'll be traveling is accessible for passenger vehicles. Hike is approximately 1 mile. Walk size limited to 30 people. Reservations required. Call: 928-526-0502. 	Forest Service Road 776 of the Coconino National Forest, Flagstaff, AZ.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for weather. Sun protection. Water & snacks. Walking shoes. Camera. 	Directions To get there take H-89N from Flagstaff. Make a turn to the east (right) onto FS Road 776. It's approximately 12.5 miles (20 minutes by vehicle) from downtown Flagstaff.

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09/26/15	7:30pm	Guided Walk: The Cosmic Canyon Hike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join Ranger Kyle and descend into Walnut Canyon to explore the dark skies above. This strenuous, 1-mile hike takes you 240 steps into the canyon and 1,000 years back in time to see the stars from an entirely new perspective. Learn old and new constellations, see the Milky Way, and maybe even catch a shooting star or two on this Cosmic Canyon Hike! Hike rated strenuous due to 200 ft. elevation drop/gain with 240+ stairs in dark conditions with some cliff-side exposure. The hike starts at 7:30pm. No entrance fee charged. Kid friendly. Please call Walnut Canyon Visitor Center (928-526-3367) with concerns before attending this hike 	Walnut Canyon National Monument Visitor Center.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures. Red flashlight or headlamp. Water. Walking shoes. 	Directions



Roving Rangers History



The Roving Rangers is a partnership team comprised of both rangers and volunteers from the National Park Service and the Forest Service. It's the mission of this group to provide free ranger programs in and around the Flagstaff area, that provide visitors with fun learning experiences in the out of doors. It is the intent of the Roving Rangers to bring understanding and inspiration to all ages, provoking the citizens of the world to cherish our natural world and act to preserve natural and cultural resources. The Roving Rangers Partnership was created in 1991 by John Nelson, United States Forest Service (USFS) employee, and Kim Watson, National Park Service (NPS) employee. It is now in its 24th season and has delivered a multitude of guided walks and talks for visitors and residents of the Flagstaff area.

Where we work:

During the summer, from Memorial Day Weekend through early September, the Roving Rangers conduct ranger-led programs each weekend at three local campgrounds. The partnership also provides an interpretive ranger at the top of the Arizona Snowbowl Scenic Skyride to answer questions and describe the natural history and panoramic views amid the spectacular San Francisco Peaks. Some of the most loved ranger-led programs include beautiful, exciting guided walks in Flagstaff's three local national monuments and throughout the hidden trails of the Coconino National Forest.

The partnership:

The Partnership is an example of a working public/private relationship. The two private partners are Arizona Snowbowl and Recreation Resource Management (RRM), and the two public partners being the National Park Service and the Forest Service. RRM is contracted by the USFS to run the local Forest Service campgrounds and also to provide quality interpretation at three campgrounds with amphitheaters --- Dairy Springs Campground (west side of Mormon Lake), Pine Grove Campground (about a mile past Upper Lake Mary), and Bonito Campground (adjacent to the entrance of Sunset Crater Volcano NM). The creation of the partnership helps RRM fulfill their program requirements and enables the NPS and USFS to provide visitors with quality experiences.